

EU-China Summer School on "Internet, Sciences, and Society"

1st-4th June 2008, Warsaw, Poland

Started from an idea of Prof. Mario Rasetti, that we should promote research cooperation between EU and China in the area of Complexity Sciences, the first meeting took place in Torino, Italy in 2006. We set out the goal to organize once a year a summer school to bring together young students from various areas to interact and to have lectures from world's leading natural and social scientists.

In 2007 september Prof. Jianwei Zhang and Yi-Cheng Zhang have organized such a school in Beijing where numerous students from China, Europe, and India participated an exciting event of two weeks. This year it is Europe's turn; we choose the venue in Warsaw for its dynamism, energy, and many young students who are active in the complexity Sciences there. The aim is to bring students from both natural and social sciences together, the fields represented will be psychology, sociology, information technology, computer sciences, physics, as well as online activists. There will be a small group of Chinese students (about ten) and European students (about twenty), plus some Eastern European participants and local students.

The school will last 4 days and with one extra day for social events. No participation fee is asked and to cover other local expenses, a limited number of fellowships is available for a few students. Besides, the organizers will try to assist in finding inexpensive accommodation.

Applications (CV in PDF and a short explanation why you would like to attend the school) should be addressed to: warsaw.school@gmail.com.

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Invited Speakers

- Guido Caldarelli (Centre Statistical Mechanics and Complexity, University La Sapienza, Italy):
Models of human dynamics
- Nigel Gilbert (Department of Sociology, University of Surrey, UK):
Computational social science
- David Hales (Delft University of Technology, Netherland):
Internet Impact on sciences and society
- Xiaoming Li (School of Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, Peking University, China):
Internet in China: from peer-to-peer communities to search engines

- Vittorio Loreto (University La Sapienza, Italy):
Tagging and semantics
- Hassan Masum (McLaughlin-Rotman Centre, Canada):
Reputation society
- Andrzej Nowak (Center for Complex Systems Research and Institute for Social Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland):
Information Technology Trends in Social Transitions
- Wang Yi (Google, China):
Search engines

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